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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KANAYAMA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1775**

Serial No.: **09/423,436**

Examiner: **Michael E. Lavilla**

Filed: **November 9, 1999**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **6727**

For: **SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 28, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: